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Christ is All and in All

“Mature in Christ”

Colossians 1:24-29

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Are we aiming at maturity in Christ?

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“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”

- Philippians 3:12

“...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...”

- Ephesians 4:13

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“...I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake...”

2. Service and Maturity – 1:25

“...of which I became a minister according to the stewardship...”

3. Scripture and Maturity – 1:25-27

“...to make the word of God fully known...”

4. Savior and Maturity – 1:27-29

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“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

- Romans 5:3-5

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“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith-- more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
- 1 Peter 1:6-7

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”
- James 1:2-4

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María Branyas Morera at 115 is now the world's oldest living person. Born in California in 1907, she has lived through two world wars, the 1918 flu pandemic and Covid.

She attributes her longevity to “order, tranquility, good connection with family and friends, contact with nature, emotional stability, no worries, no regrets, lots of positivity, and staying away from toxic people.”

“I think longevity is also about being lucky. Luck and good genetics.”

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- Philippians 3:8-12